

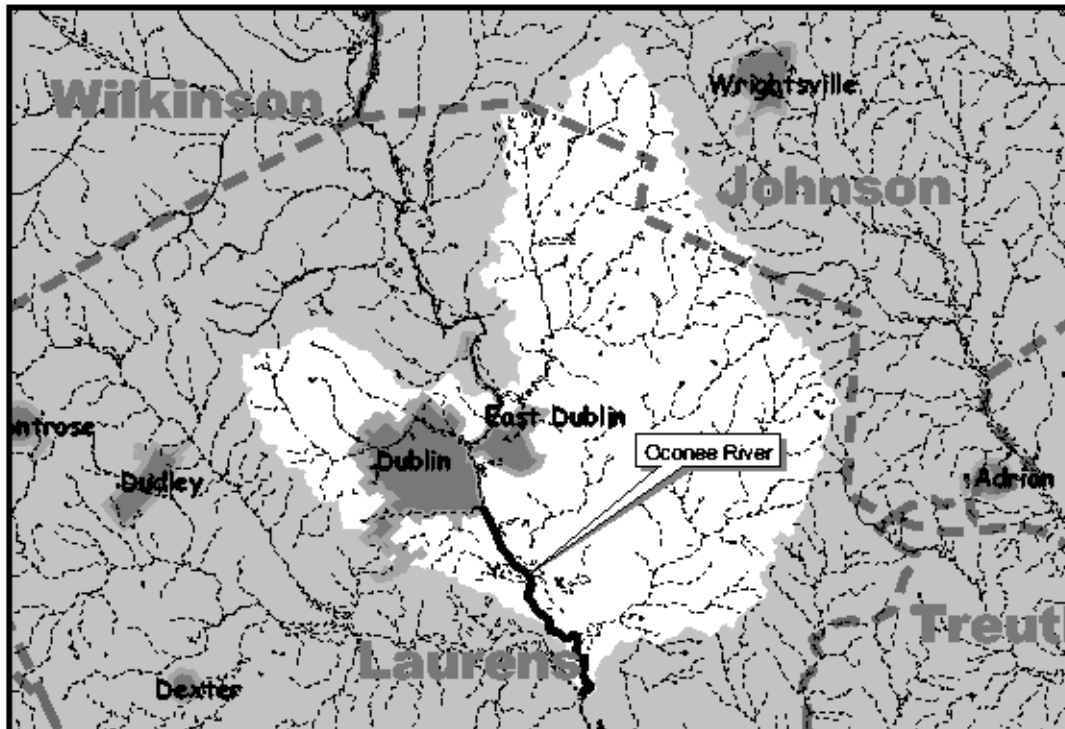
**STATE OF GEORGIA
TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**OCONEE RIVER
(Fecal Coliform)**

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TMDL Implementation Plans are platforms for establishing a course of actions to restore the quality of impaired water bodies in a watershed. They are intended as a continuing process that may be revised as new conditions and information warrant. Procedures will be developed to track and evaluate the implementation of the management practices and activities identified in the plans. Once restored, appropriate management practices and activities will be continued to maintain the water bodies. The overall goal of the Plan is to define a set of actions that will help achieve water quality standards in the state of Georgia. This plan was originally prepared as an implementation inventory by the Heart of Georgia Altamaha RDC with a Section 604(b) Grant. TMDL load allocation information has been updated to reflect the approved TMDL.

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Impaired Waterbody*	Impaired Stream Location	River Basin	Miles/Area Impacted	Partially Supporting/ Not Supporting
Oconee River	Long Branch to Turkey Creek	Oconee	9	Not Supporting

STATE OF GEORGIA

TMDL IMPLEMENTATION INVENTORY FOR: Oconee RiverFCRIVER BASIN: Oconee

(STREAM)

(PARAMETER)

PLAN DATE: 9/1/01

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Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center Address: <u>P.O. Drawer 1260</u> City: <u>Baxley</u> State: <u>GA</u> Zip: <u>31515</u> e-mail: <u>hogardc@altamaha.net</u> Date Submitted to EPD: _____		Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ e-mail: _____ Date Submitted to EPD: _____					
General Information		Significant Stakeholders					
Obtain this information from the TMDL document or other information. When completed, this document will be a self-contained report independent of the TMDL document.		Identify local governments, agricultural organizations or significant landholders, commercial forestry organizations, businesses and industries, and local organizations including environmental groups with a major interest in this water body.					
TMDL ID (to be entered by EPD)	OCO0000015	Name/Organization	Laurens Co. Board of Commissioners				
Water body name	Oconee River	Address	117 E. Jackson St. P.O. Box 2011				
HUC basin name	Oconee River	City	Dublin	State	GA	Zip	31040
HUC number	030701020901	Phone	478-272-4755			e-mail	
Primary county	Laurens	Name/Organization	City of Dudley				
Secondary county		Address	P.O. Box 315				
Primary RDC	Heart of GA Altamaha	City	Dudley	State	GA	Zip	31022
Secondary RDC		Phone	478-676-3495			e-mail	
Water body location	U.S. Hwy. 319/80 to Turkey Creek (Laurens Co.)	Name/Organization	Laurens County Farm Bureau				
		Address	1511 Telfair Street				
Miles or area impacted	10	City	Dublin	State	GA	Zip	31040
Parameter addressed in plan	FC	Phone	478-272-0508			e-mail	
Water use classification	Fishing	Name/Organization	Laurens Co. Coop. Extension Service				
Degree of impairment	Partially supporting use <input type="checkbox"/>	Address	1511A Telfair Street P.O. Box 1366				
	Not supporting use <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City	Dublin	State	GA	Zip	31040
Date TMDL approved by EPD	February 2002	Phone	478-272-2277			e-mail	
Impairment due to	Point sources (possible) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name/Organization	Altamaha Riverkeeper				
	Nonpoint sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Address	P.O. Box 2642				
	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	City	Darien	State	GA	Zip	31305
Point source-Form A; Nonpoint source-Form B; Both-Form A+B+C		Phone	912-437-8164			e-mail	

If more, add to comments on last page.

FORM B

SUMMARY OF ALLOCATION MODEL RESULTS FROM TMDL DOCUMENT (existing load, target TMDL, and needed reduction)

EXISTING LOAD	TARGET TMDL	NEEDED REDUCTION
9.03×10^{13} (counts/30 days)	7.71×10^{13} (counts/30 days)	25%

I. IDENTIFY **NONPOINT SOURCE** CATEGORIES AND SUBCATEGORIES OR INDIVIDUAL SOURCES WHICH MUST BE CONTROLLED TO IMPLEMENT LOAD ALLOCATIONS:

List major nonpoint sources contributing to impairment including those identified in TMDL document.

SOURCE	DESCRIPTION OF CONTRIBUTION TO IMPAIRMENT	RECOMMENDED LOAD REDUCTION (FROM TMDL)
Residential and Commercial Development	Possible introduction of stormwater runoff being discharged from residential and/or commercial septic tanks and urban development	
Possible upstream point sources	Possible discharges from State of Georgia I-16 (Westbound) Welcome Center and wastewater treatment facility of City of Dudley	

II. DESCRIBE ANY REGULATORY OR VOLUNTARY ACTIONS INCLUDING MANAGEMENT MEASURES OR OTHER CONTROLS BY GOVERNMENTS OR INDIVIDUALS THAT SPECIFICALLY APPLY TO THE POLLUTANT AND THE WATERBODY FOR WHICH THE TMDL WAS WRITTEN, THAT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH RELIABLE AND EFFECTIVE DELIVERY MECHANISMS, AND THAT WILL HELP ACHIEVE THE LOAD ALLOCATIONS IN THE TMDL:

See the attachment for more instructions.

Existing or required regulatory actions

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT, ORGANIZATION OR ENTITY	NAME OF REGULATION/ORDINANCE	DESCRIPTION	ENACTED OR PROJECTED DATE (mm/yy)	STATUS
Georgia DNR EPD	Georgia Water Quality Control Act (OCGA 12-5-20)	Makes it unlawful to discharge excessive pollutants (sediments, nutrients, pesticides, animal waste, etc.) into waters of the State in amounts harmful to public health, safety, or welfare, or to animals, birds, or aquatic life or the physical destruction of stream habitat.	1964	Current
Georgia DNR and Local Governments	Georgia Planning Act (OCGA 12-2-8)	Authorized DCA to develop minimum planning standards and procedures that local government planning and zoning jurisdictions could adopt and enforce pertaining to the protection of river corridors, mountains, water supply watersheds, groundwater recharge areas, and wetlands	1989	Current
Georgia DNR EPD and Local Governments	Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act (OCGA 12-7-1)	Authorizes local governments to adopt a comprehensive ordinance governing land-disturbing activities within local planning and zoning jurisdictions and require the use of Best Management Practices.	Amended 2000	Current
Georgia DNR EPD and Local Governments	NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permits	Regulates facilities that are allowed to discharge treated wastewater into surface water	2000	Current
Georgia DHR and Local Governments	Local Septic Tank Permit Ordinance	Authorizes the regulation of septic tanks, including placement, installation and		Current

		maintenance		

Existing voluntary actions

RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION OR ENTITY	NAME OF ACTION	DESCRIPTION	ENACTED OR PROJECTED DATE (mm/yy)	STATUS
Georgia Forestry Commission	Forestry Water Quality Program	Designated by EPD to lead the effort to develop BMPs, educational BMP programs, forestry complaint resolution process and BMP monitoring, conducts biennial BMP monitoring, complaint investigation and mediation	1999 Manual	Current
Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Service, GA Dept. of Agriculture	Agricultural BMPs	Leads effort in agricultural water quality program, develops agricultural BMP educational and monitoring efforts		

Additional recommended regulatory or other measures which should be implemented to reduce the loads of the TMDL parameter

ENTITY/ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE	NAME OF PROPOSED REGULATION/ORDINANCE/ OTHER	DESCRIPTION	ENACTED OR PROJECTED DATE (mm/yy)	STATUS
RDC, Local Governments, Georgia DNR EPD, Georgia DHR, Georgia Forestry Comm.	Land Use Management Regulations	Utilize state-mandated environmental planning criteria, local planning and zoning ordinances, BMPs, for agricultural and forestry, and septic tank permitting to manage runoff and development, RDC will provide technical assistance in developing a model "zoning-light" ordinance to encourage local governments implement planning and zoning measures		
Georgia DNR EPD and Local Governments	Stormwater Management Regulations	Utilize local ordinance enforcement to produce better erosion/sedimentation control at the time of construction, could possibly require post-construction erosion/sedimentation control, could use passive design elements in new developments and stream buffers to prevent runoff		
Georgia DNR EPD and	Stormwater	Utilize local ordinance enforcement to produce better		

Local Governments	Management Regulations	erosion/sedimentation control at the time of construction, could possibly require post-construction erosion/sedimentation control, could use passive design elements in new developments and stream buffers to prevent runoff		
Georgia DNR EPD, Local Governments, RDC	Cooperative Monitoring Program	Seek a scientific study of issues such as natural dissolved oxygen levels of slow-moving streams, could seek funding/cooperation for watershed assessments including possible model demonstration assessments for small watersheds, develop a program for implementation assessments		

III. SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTING MANAGEMENT MEASURES OR OTHER CONTROL ACTIONS:

These must be implemented as expeditiously as practicable within five years of when the implementation plan is accepted by EPD.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
Form stakeholders group					
Organize implementation work with stakeholders and local officials to identify remedial measures and potential funding sources	X				
Identify sources of TMDL parameter	X				
Develop management programs to control runoff including identification and implementation of BMPs (Phase I):					
Agriculture	X	X	X	X	X
Forestry	X	X	X	X	X
Urban	X	X	X	X	X
Mining	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Organize and implement education and outreach programs	X	X	X	X	X
Detect and eliminate illicit discharges	X	X	X	X	X
Evaluate additional management controls needed		X	X	X	X
Monitor and evaluate results	X	X	X	X	X
Reassess TMDL allocations		X	X	X	X
Provide periodic status reports on implementation of remedial activities	X	X	X	X	X
If needed, begin process for Phase II (next 5 years) and subsequent phases					

IV. PROJECTED ATTAINMENT DATE AND BASIS FOR THAT PROJECTION:

The projected attainment date is 10 years from acceptance of the implementation plan by EPD.

V. MEASURABLE MILESTONES:

- Number of management controls and activities already implemented _____
- Number of management controls and activities proposed in five-year work program _____
- Number of management controls and activities actually implemented in five-year work period _____(to be completed after 5 years)
- Stream sampled to identify areas of concern See monitoring plan
- Other _____
- Other _____

VI. MONITORING PLAN:

Monitoring data that placed stream on 303(d) list will be provided if requested.

Describe previous or current sampling activities or other surveys to detect sources or to measure effectiveness of management measures or other controls.

ORGANIZATION	TIME FRAME	PARAMETERS	PURPOSE	STATUS
USGS	01/96-06/97	DO, FC	To collect pertinent data to detect the levels of dissolved oxygen and fecal coliform present at one monitoring site along the Oconee River	Complete
USGS	01/98-12/98	FC	To collect pertinent data to detect the level of fecal coliform present at one monitoring site along the Oconee River	Complete

Describe any planned or proposed sampling activities or other surveys. (Scheduled EPD sampling can be found in the Basin Planning document.)

ORGANIZATION	TIME FRAME	PARAMETERS	PURPOSE	STATUS
EPD			basin planning	
See below : VI				

VI. To address the need for future monitoring, better, more consistent data needs to be acquired. The most recent and reliable data available is a 1998 sample taken by the USGS. Along with the concern about the length of time that has elapsed since the sample was taken, only one site along the stream was used for monitoring purposes. There has been no sampling of locations either upstream or downstream from the original sample. Therefore, it is difficult to determine with precision the exact source(s) contributing to the stream's classification as impaired. More sampling at various locations needs to be conducted to better determine the extent of possible impairment and the contributing cause(s).

VII. CRITERIA TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IS BEING MADE:

- % concentration or load change (monitoring program)
- Categorical change in classification of the stream (delisting the stream is the goal)
- Regulatory controls or activities installed (ordinances, laws)
- Best management practices installed (agricultural, forestry, urban)

COMMENTS Stakeholders continued:

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